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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicant: Yong Hua Zhu, et al.

Application Number: 09/929,700

Filing Date: August 13, 2001

Title: TISSUE OPENING LOCATOR AND
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Examiner Name: Gary Jackson

Group Art Unit: 3731

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission Required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:

Previously submitted:

Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on .
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on .

Enclosed:

Amendment/Reply
 Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
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2. Miscellaneous:

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed three months).

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3. Fees:

RCE fee (\$385 small entity/\$770 large entity)

Fee for suspension (\$130)

Extension of Time fee:

One Month (\$55/\$110)

Two Month (\$210/\$420)

Three Month (\$475/\$950)

4. Payment:

Check in the amount of \$385 to cover the above fees.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and § 1.17 which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

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